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SUBJECT: NKOMO THREATENS PARTICIPANTS IN AN INTERNAL RHODESIAN  
SOLUTION

1. SPEAKING TO A ZAPU GATHERING IN LUSAKA MARCH 20 JOSHUA NKOMO DESCRIBED MOVES TO HOLD A REFERENDUM IN ZIMBABWE AS A "FAKE REFERENDUM" REPRESENTING A CONSPIRACY "BY CERTAIN POWER-HUNGRY VULTURES". NKOMO BILLED SMITH S ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVED MODERATE BLACKS IN AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS "AN ATTEMPT TO USURP THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE F ZIMBABWE "TO WHICH HE WAS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED. "WE CANNOT ALLOW IT, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS." NKOMO SAID, "AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WILL BE A CHALLENGE TO THE BLACK PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY AND THEY WILL FIGHT AGAINST AN EVIL SYSTEM, EVEN IF IT IS IN BLACK HANDS." "THE WAR IS NOT AGAINST WHITE PEOPLE, IT IS AGAINST AN EVIL SYSTEM." NKOMO THREATENED TO TURN THE GUNS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON ANY BLACKS PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERNAL  
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SETTLEMENT WITH SMITH. THOSE BLACKS, WHO COLLABORATE WITH SMITH, "WOULD BE FACE TO FACE WITH THE KATUSHA" - A TYPE OF SOVIET-BUILT ROCKET.

2. ALSO IN HIS SPEECH, THE PRESS REPORTS NKOMO EXPRESSED SHOCK ABOUT THE SUPPORT CERTAIN POWERS ARE GIVING TO THE IDEA OF A REFERENDUM. BRITAIN WAS CITED BY NAME AS LENDING "AN EVIL HAND"

TO THE REBEL REGIME BY SUPPORTING THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM.  
A REFERENDUM WAS A COLONIALIST S DEVICE TO COVER UP THEIR PLANS  
TO INSTALL A PUPPET REGIME IN ZIMBABWE.

3. NKOMO ALSO SAID, BY BREAKING UP THE GENEVA TALKS, THE BRITISH  
AND SITH HAVE PROVED THAT THEY WANT WAR. ANY NEW FORMUULAR FOR  
ADDITIONAL TALKS ON RHODESIA WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THERE  
WILL BE NO CONFERENCE UNLESS IT IS FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO  
THE MAJORITY. UNTIL SUCH A TRANSFER IS EFFECTED, NKOMO  
ADVISED HIS FOLLOWERS TO BE READY TO SUFFER.  
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